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Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the two paragraphs beginning at p. 7 line 12, previously amended August 25, 2006, with the following amended paragraphs:

Fig 6B is similar to the embodiment of Fig. 6A except that instead of two separate connectors 64, a single plastic, textile, metal, elastic, adhesive or Velcro® hook and loop strip 66 is embedded in the front portion of the hat 10 along the brim of the hat where the visor 14 is joined. The central area 68 is enclosed in fabric at the front portion 16. Ends 70 and 72 adjustably engage the pair of connectors 62. Of course, other types of adjustment clasps can be used.

Another embodiment of the invention is shown in Figs 7A, 7B, and 7C. Here the adjustment clasp 80 includes a strap 82, having a Velcro® ~~hooks~~ hooks and loops underside 83, which is attached to the outside of the crown along the circumference 24. The distal end 84 of strap 82 also extends along the circumference 24 of the crown, where the visor 14 joins the crown. Distal end 84 adjustably attaches to a Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop mating patch 86 located on the front portion just above the visor. Of course, the visor can be located at the rear side of the hat and the Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop patch 86 can have any desired geometry suitable for mating with Velcro® ~~hooks~~ hooks and loops 83 on distal end 84.

Replace the three paragraphs beginning at page 8, line 2, previously amended August 25, 2006, with the following amended paragraphs:

Another adjustment clasp embodiment 90 is shown in Figs. 8A & 8B. Adjustment clasp 90 includes a flap 92 secured along or near one edge at the seam between the front portion 16 and the panel or triangular portion 20 above

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the temple where the edge of the visor 14 meets the crown. The underside of distal end 96 is provided with a Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop patch (not shown) which adjustably engages a mating Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop patch 98 located on the temple portion 20. Once again, the Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop patch 98 can be of any geometric shape. Also, flap 92 and/or clasp 90, although shown her as being triangular, can have any geometric shape such as a truncated triangle, oval or rectangle or any desired geometry suitable for mating the Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop patch and the portion 20. Clasp 90 and/or flap 94 can also be made to have the shape of a logo, trademark or trade name. Additionally, a logo, a trademark or a trade name can be provided or stitched on the surface of clasp 90/94.

Figures 9A and 9B show another embodiment of an adjustable hat 10, having an adjustment mechanism 100. Here, the triangular portion 20 forms a flap 102 which has one part of a Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop attachment (not show) along its underside. Flap 102 mates with a Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop patch 104 affixed to a front portion 16 above the bill 14. In other words, the edge of flap 102 lies along the seam between triangles 20 at or above where the visor edges 14 attach to the crown. Of course, the visor can be located at the rear side of the hat and the patch 104 can have other geometric shapes.

Figures 10A and 10B show yet another embodiment of an adjustable hat 10 having an adjustable clasp 110. Adjustable clasp 110 includes a flap 112 which is attached at or near the seam between the front portion 16 and a temple triangle or panel 36 at or near where the edge of visor 14 attaches to the crown. Flap 112 has a truncated triangular configuration, but it may be any desired shape, such as winged shaped, triangle, oval or rectangle or any desired geometry, suitable for mating the Velcro® hook and loop patches and the portion 20. Flap 112 can have a geometry which corresponds to a logo, trademark or trade name or any other design or shape. Also, a logo, trademark or trade name or any other design or ~~shaped~~ shape can be affixed such as by stitching it to the

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surface of the flap 112. A Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop patch on the underside of flap 112 (not shown) mates with a Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop patch on section 20 (not shown) on the bottom of the temple portion of the crown near the edge of visor 14.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 6, previously amended August 25, 2006, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 14 is a view of the adjustable baseball hat 10 of Figs 10A & 10B of the present invention viewed from within the hat looking towards the top of the crown. The adjustable clasp 110 is shown in an open position. Attached to flap 112 is one of the two parts of a Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop strap 130. The mating Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop strap 132 is attached on the outside of the temple triangle or panel 36. A sweatband 134 is attached, such as by stitching, at the front of the hat along the inner circumference of the crown. Another sweatband 136 is also affixed along the inner circumference of the crown. In the preferred embodiment the end 138 of sweatband 134 terminates at approximately the beginning of the flap 112 before the Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop strap 130. Similarly, the end 140 of sweatband 136 terminates before the location of Velcro® ~~hook~~ hook and loop strap 132. In other words, there is an absence of a sweatband along the circumference of the hat 10 underneath the clasp 110. The purpose of this is to keep the bulk of the hat to a minimum in the area of the flap 112 to give the hat a thin and natural appearance. Of course, the sweatband can be extended into the region under the flap if desired.